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Antique Bread Sofreh, Kamo, Central Persia.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1184350****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 152 cm (59.8")

Width = 137 cm (53.9")

Description

The bread 'sofreh' was a flatweave used to knead the dough to make the delicious Persian flat-bread or 'lavash'. Most were made by the Afshars and Baluchis but another area where the most striking bread sofrehs were made was Kamo, a village in the rural district of Joshagan and in the district of Meymeh in central Persia or Iran. These fabulous flatweaves first appeared in the Tehran bazaar in the latter part of the 1980s and were only brought to the attention of collectors and dealers in the West in the early 1990s by the knowledgeable Iranian expert on tribal life, Parviz Tanavoli. During the 1990s, I acquired almost 30 of these striking sofrehs, put on an exhibition in my Cotswold gallery and sold them all within two months. Kamo bread sofrehs are woven art and on a wall, they make a powerful and exciting statement. The earliest of these sofrehs appear to be from the second half nineteenth century through to the 1940s when this art form started to die out, due to machine-made being imported from the West. This stunning sofreh, from circa 1900, has a beautiful, striation of natural camel-hair throughout with the depiction of five 'eyes', symbolically acting as a means o...

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